

# STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TOXICOLOGIST TRAINEE

The Student Career Experience Program at EPA provides students with paid part-time, semester-length, seasonal, or summer trainee employment leading to non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the target position upon successful completion of at least 640 hours of on-the-job training and receipt of their degree. Positions are available in the following program offices:

**Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance:** OECA enforces US environmental laws while inspiring the regulated community to pursue pollution prevention.

**Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances:** OPPTS regulates pesticides and industrial chemicals to ensure protection of public health and the environment, as well as assessing their risks and promoting innovative programs to prevent pollution.

**Toxicologist trainees** work for the National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) in Denver, CO, EPA's environmental forensic enforcement laboratory, or at Headquarters in Washington, DC. NEIC positions provide laboratory biochemical/biophysical analysis of samples taken to support emerging forensic methodologies for EPA and state environmental enforcement cases, involving highly technical analysis, knowledge of toxicological principles, and knowledge of modern biochemical and/or biophysical instrumentation, and conducting literature research and analyses in support of high-profile case work in forensic toxicology. Washington, DC positions provide scientific analysis to support pesticide registration and evaluating toxic chemical risks, including reviewing data, testing protocols, and related information submitted by registrants and doing literature searches and modeling to assess risks of new industrial chemicals and pesticides. **Only majors related to toxicology, such as toxicology, biochemistry, biophysics, physiology and pharmacology are eligible.**

### Specific Job Information:

**Locations:** Washington, DC and Denver, CO.

**Salary:** Federal Government GS-7 (\$18.87/hr-Denver; \$18.85/hr-DC -- master's candidate) OR GS-9 (\$23.08/hr – Denver; \$23.05/hr –DC – PhD candidate)

**Schedule:** Flexible, depending on student's needs. Positions are available at any time during the year.

### Position Benefits:

- Benefits include annual and sick leave, health insurance, and retirement.
- Students gain on-the-job training and experience and preview a career choice
- Upon graduation and successful completion of the work requirement, students gain non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the Federal service in the target position.

### Qualifications Required:

- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled at least half-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college or university
- At least a 2.95 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Recommended by university faculty
- Basic background investigation

For more information, go to: [www.epa.gov/compliance/about/employment/specialprograms/studentcareerexperience.html](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/about/employment/specialprograms/studentcareerexperience.html)

**How to Apply:** Provide resume, cover letter, current official transcript, recommendation, and writing sample to:

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